

The Middletown Transcript.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, Editor.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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We have given space this week to two communications from Mr. Samuel Townsend in reply to the anonymous articles which recently appeared in our columns "pitching it." Mr. T. This we deem but an act of common courtesy to which Mr. Townsend was entitled, as the other letters were published by us. These letters, however, are all too long for our limited space, and perhaps the patience of the reader, and we must hereafter insist upon correspondents condensing their letters.

Levi C. Bird is said to have the "inside track" for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress, and his thought will be their candidate at the coming election. There are probably not very many aspirants who are anxious to dispute the honor with him. His chances for election are, perhaps, almost as good as Mr. Lofland's were in the last campaign, and such empty honors are not generally sought for with much avidity by politicians. Levi will do as well for a nominal opponent to the Democratic candidate as anybody else.

BABCOCK ACQUITTED.—The trial of Gen. E. O. Babcock, President Grant's private secretary, for complicity in the St. Louis whiskey frauds was concluded on Thursday afternoon by the acquittal of the defendant. This result of the trial was not anticipated. Few people really thought Gen. Babcock would be convicted, but the prevailing opinion was that the jury would fail to agree. His acquittal therefore was a matter of much surprise throughout the country.

Gen. Babcock has been pronounced "not guilty" by a jury of his peers, but public opinion will have to undergo a most radical change before he will be believed to be free from all taint in the minds of the people at large.

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Townsend's Reply to Dean.

Mr. Edward Reynolds, Editor—I have been informed of the authorship of the communication of the 22d of January, signed, "A Sojourner and Looker-on" at the agricultural meeting held on the previous Saturday, the 15th, and, with your permission, I wish to reply through your paper. Being used to holding meetings on the 15th, I stated Tuesday, when it should have been Saturday—a slight mistake in my favor, as it gave more time to get the proceedings. I have also received information as to who was the author of the anonymous article signed "Middletown," and also of the letter in the *Herald*, signed "Eye Witness." When the curtain had been lifted I found it no less a personage than *Billy Dean*, trying to play *Chiméon* under anonymous signatures. Now, Mr. Editor, I wonder at you ever allowing such a fellow to play on you as he has, for only a few years ago he tried to establish a second *London Times*, or *New York Herald* to break yours, and other papers down in the State, and to some of his smartness, he paraded a list of names as in favor of him, such as Thomas Bayard, and others in this country, and George Saulsbury, and others in Kent county as being in favor of his project, when with a very small amount of sense he ought to have known the *Delaware Gazette* represented Mr. Bayard and friends in this country and the *Dover Delaware* represents Mr. Saulsbury. The whole scheme, as every person knew it, fell through, and on Saturday the 13th of January this *Billy Dean* came to the meeting of the Agricultural Society at Middletown with Professor Porter and joined the society, and, before, really, they were members, as I understand, for I saw them afterwards at the judges' table;—this Dean commenced his friend's career in the meeting, and Mr. Editor, as it is now known that Dean the author of the aforesaid anonymous writings I cut out a slip from the first communication that gave the original offense, and wish it published with this:

THE TOWN ELECTION.—The charter election for corporation officers of Middletown will take place one week from next Monday. For several years past our citizens have refused to mix politics in these elections, and have sought only to make tickets that would be acceptable to the mass of the town voters without regard to the political opinions of the candidates. In this way "mixed tickets" have been run and elected at every election. This we believe to be the right course: we all get enough of the animosities and acrimonies of political contests in our national and State elections, without bringing them into a petty election for the values, though sometimes important, office of Town Commissioners. The chief object in making up the tickets should be to select good and worthy men; who will look after the interests, and properly conduct the affairs, of the town, and who will have sufficient energy to perform the duties of their office. What the town wants is the selection of a Board of Commissioners who will not be afraid of, or indifferent to, the discharge of the duties of their office. The great index of tramps and peach plucks of last year was not anticipated and consequently no provision was made to guard against their depredations. But the same thing should not be allowed to occur again. We know now what we may expect and should be prepared. In addition to this there are other things which need improving, and in making the ticket for Monday week care should be taken to select the best men for the positions without regard to their politics or to what part of the town they live in.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—The National Democratic Committee met in Washington on Tuesday, for the purpose of appointing a time and place in which to hold the National Convention to nominate candidates for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States, and to adopt a platform of principles for the party for the campaign of 1876. After some discussion, in which the claims of the different large cities were duly presented by their respective advocates, the 27th of June was fixed upon as the time, and St. Louis the place, for holding the convention. As usual, much significance is pretended, by some who would be considered wiseacres, to be attached to this.

the selection of the place, and the choice of St. Louis it was, agrees well for the prospects of Governor Hendricks of Indiana. To think we are informed to what little importance the West will claim the nomination is morally certain, and it is equally certain that New York will also claim it. The West presents several candidates—all distinguished men—any one of whom would do credit to the party as its standard bearer, and, if elected, to the country as its chief magistrate. Each of these candidates will have his respective friends in the convention and the strength of the West will thus be much divided. New York will present one of her own citizens, Gov. Tilden, and press his claims. Other candidates will be presented, and thus the convention will be greatly divided, and the result of this division may be the throwing aside of all the candidates who are now most prominent and the taking up of a man now scarcely known to the country at large. But whosoever the nominee may be we sincerely trust that the convention will not make another such a blunder as was made in 1872, but give to us a true Democrat and a good man. If New York and the West cannot do any better than they did four years ago let them "step down and out" and give the selection of a candidate to Delaware and we will give them one of whom the whole country may be proud and who would, as head of the nation, command to his high office the respect and admiration of all other nations. No one could be chosen who would do more credit to the party, as its leader, or be more competent, or more likely to bring it success than Hon. Thos. F. Bayard, of Delaware.

Delaware, as is so often quoted with pride by her people, having been the first to adopt, and the only State, which by "personal liberty" bills; "secession ordinances" or other like enactments never violated the Constitution of the country, it would be eminently proper that she should give to the country its President in its Centennial year.

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General News Summary.

FORBES.—The Carlists are rapidly being won over to wealth, not only economical in great measure, than those who have never studied this lesson by buying a few bars of that famous "Wilmingon City Soap," it saves time—saves clothes—saves money.

Rumford's Yeast Powder the best in the market, for sale.

S. M. REYNOLDS.

A fall point, the "Wilmingon City Soap," is made of pure material, and contains no injurious substance, ask your grocer for it.

Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Dried Fruits, Canned Goods, new and fresh, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Potter's best Buckwheat, Turkey's Island, Ashton, Ground Flour, and Turn Salt in store, and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

Sleds, Wheelbarrows, Express Wagons and Conches, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Fine-Lace Vases and Jewel Caskets at RICE'S.

One bar of Moore & Bro's "Wilmingon City Soap," will go as far as two bars of lower grade, (one trial proof it.)

The best yard wide 123 cents Bleached Muslin, S. M. REYNOLDS.

An elegant Two-Button Kid Gloves for 90 cents cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Granulated Sugar 12 cents; A 11 cents, and 10 cents, cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Bull Heads, Shipping Tags, &c., can be had in barrels and half barrels; just received and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

A choice Rice Coffee, green, 25 cents, roasting machine, and green, 25 cents, roasting machine, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Many men of many minds, many soups of many kinds; but the best is Moore & Bro's "Wilmingon City Soap."

February 21st, 1876.

I have since learned that Dean had been a member of the Association for some time previous to this meeting.

S. T.

Another.

When I received the TRANSCRIPT on

last Saturday I saw a communication

signed "Doctor," pitching into me furiously, and wanting to know what right

Sam Townsend had to attend the meeting

of the Agricultural Society and oppose

the granger resolution: that he was

no granger (*one truth*); and how

different Sam Townsend was from the

other grangers.

For Professor offered the presenting of his re

solution with a few remarks in his re

lief and pleasure, which had the effect

to apparently strike dumb those that

were present, for none attempted to reply

to that.

Resolved, that the Board of managers be

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